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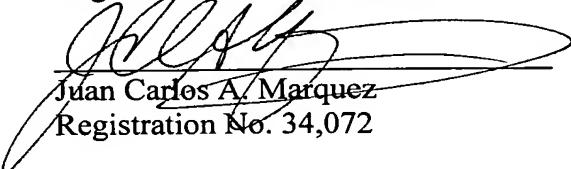
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 17, 2008, the period of response to which is set to expire on August 17, 2008. Applicants hereby provisionally elect the continued prosecution of the invention identified as Species VIII, and correspondingly recited in claims 1, 5, 8, 10, and 15 with traverse.